

EXTRA

ALL THE LATEST NEWS

THE AXE DROPS

Two Heads in the Customs Department Fall To-Day.

There Has Been a Big Shake-Up and All Are Uncomfortable.

Ira Ayer the Temporary Successor of Agent Holahan.

Since the conference in Secretary Fairchild's rooms at the Everett House yesterday there have been two removals made by Acting Appraiser Stearns.

The first head to fall was that of Mr. Howard, the private secretary of ex-Appraiser McMullen, who was notified last evening that his services would be no longer required.

This was to be expected because the new Appraiser does not want any of the confidential friends of his predecessor around in his investigations, which he has already begun and is pushing forward as rapidly as possible, with the assistance of Special Treasury Agent Tichenor.

The executioner's axe fell the second time this morning, and the head of Examiner Abraham G. Rensen dropped into the sawdust basket with a dull and heavy thud. Mr. Rensen was in the sugar division, and has been connected with the department for twenty years past.

During that period no fault has been found with him, and, as the Appraiser would give no reason for his removal, except that it was for cause, his companions in the office thought it must be for some political reason, as the discharged examiner has always been a Republican.

When this was suggested to Mr. Stearns he became quite indignant and declared that he knew no politicians here and did not want to know any.

"I am going to run this office on business principles while I am in charge here," he said, "and I am responsible to no one but my superior officer."

The story printed in one of the papers this morning to the effect that the Secretary of the Treasury had visited the stores yesterday with Col. Jewell and others, and had made an inspection of the building under his escort, Mr. Stearns designated as pure fiction. He had never been there since the conference at the Everett House.

He also declined to say anything about any other removals that he might make, but it was learned that there had been a general shake-up in the building.

All the Assistant Appraisers have been moved about to other divisions, the work of which they are not familiar with, while the investigation of their own department is going on, and there is a big kick all around because each one feels that suspicious of dishonesty are being cast upon him.

The salary of Examiner Rensen was \$2,500 and of Private Secretary Howard \$2,000. In regard to the advance in salary of the Appraiser Mr. Stearns had nothing to say. His pay in Boston was \$3,000 and here the pay is \$4,000.

There seems to be a general feeling that the compensation is too low, but it is so difficult to get Congress to make a change that there is little hope that anything will be done at present.

Secretary Fairchild's business kept him in town until 11 o'clock this morning.

He had another secret consultation with Collector Magone at the Everett House because he went away, the subject of which the Collector refused to divulge.

Col. Jewell, Chief of the Treasury Agents, is still in town, and has appointed Special Agent Ira Ayer to temporarily succeed Mr. Holahan as the official head of the New York office.

Col. Ayer and Col. Montgomery had a long conference with the Collector this morning, and it is understood that still more sweeping investigations are to be made in other departments of the customs service.

This brings Naval Officer Burt into the general view, and it is reported that on account of his friendship for Mr. McMullen, whom he is said to have aided in his efforts to restrain the Treasury agents in their investigation of the Appraiser's department, that he will soon be in the soup.

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Probably the Crew Are Lost.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—All hope for the safety of the Austrian ship, the Lord Warden, now out 108 days, en route from Montevideo to Philadelphia, has been given up, and there is no longer any doubt whether she has gone to the bottom. Her crew consisted of eighteen souls, all from near Trieste, Austria.

"One Foot in the Grave."

How often do we hear the above said of some poor plighted or life's thorny path, whose torturing sea, pallid face, unnatural glitter of the eye and hacking cough, and its accompanying involuntary pressure of the hand over the lungs, the seat of the dread disease—consumption—that causes the return? Too frequently, alas! and in the interests of such unfortunate it is pointed to assure them that their steps need tend to longer towards that narrow receptacle that awaits all—that is, until life's allotted space is covered from any such cause, for the scientific researches of Dr. R. V. France, resulting in the "GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY," have wrested from Nature a remedy which never fails to cure this scourge of our race, which is really nothing more nor less than Scrofula (of the Lungs), if taken in time. Druggists sell it.

HIGGINS THE MAN.

Delaware Legislators Elect Him to the Senate.

Eli Saulsbury's Successor Is a Republican.

Still Mr. Morton's Vote May Be Necessary in the Senate.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

ANTHONY M. HIGGINS has been elected United States Senator by the Delaware Legislature. Should the Democrats elect a Senator from West Virginia the Senate will be tied. In this event Vice-President Morton for a time will find plenty to do in presiding over the body and casting the deciding vote.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 15.—The Republican caucus, after voting all night, finally named Anthony Higgins, of Wilmington, for United States Senator.

After 2 o'clock this morning the fight narrowed down to Higgins and Massey.

About 4 o'clock Mr. Moore, the Senator from Sussex, bolted the caucus, saying he would not vote for Massey.

On the forty-third ballot Higgins received 9 and Massey 6 votes. Mr. Moore then returned to the caucus and the nomination of Mr. Higgins was made unanimous.

When the Legislature met to-day Mr. Higgins was elected. The vote stood: Higgins, 16; Wolcott, 9; Robinson, 5.

Of the four leading candidates, Massey, of Sussex, and Higgins, the last named is probably the best known man in the contest to the country at large. Higgins is a son of the late Anthony M. Higgins, of Red Lion Hundred. He was born in Red Lion Hundred, New Castle County, Oct. 1, 1840.

He graduated from Yale College in 1861, with the degree of A. B., and was admitted to the bar of New Castle County in May, 1864.

In 1869, when New Castle County, Del., was in the hands of the late Governor John W. Brinkley, Higgins was elected to the county at large. He was re-elected in 1871 and 1873.

He was appointed Deputy Attorney General of the State in 1874, and served two years. A pronounced and active Republican, he was made Chairman of the State Committee in 1888, and in 1889 was appointed by President Grant United States District Attorney for Delaware, which office he held until June, 1890.

He was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in 1884. He took a front rank as a lawyer from the very first. He has been the leader of that faction of the Republicans of Delaware who have been favorable to Blaine. He has traveled extensively and knows personally many more prominent men in the country than any other Delawarean.

THE AMATEUR UNION GAMES.

Trials Events to Take Place in the Afternoon, Finals in the Evening.

The Games Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union has arranged the manner in which the events will be contested in its indoor games, to be given in Madison Square Garden, next Saturday.

The number of individual entries is so large that in order to have the contests take place without confusion, the trial heats will be run in the afternoon, beginning promptly at 2 o'clock, and the best men will compete in the finals in the evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The trial heats will be contested as follows: 75-yard run, three trial heats, best five in each heat allowed in finals.

800-yard run, two trial heats, first five in each heat in finals.

1,000-yard run, four heats, first man in each heat in finals.

1,400-yard race, three heats, first five in each heat in finals.

One-mile run, two heats, first five in each heat in finals.

Two-mile bicycle race, two heats, first six men in each heat in finals.

Two-mile hurdle, three heats, first four in each heat in finals.

One-mile run, two heats, first five in each heat in finals.

The first ten men in the high and broad jumping, shot-putting, pole-vaulting and throwing 56-pound weight for distance contests will compete in the finals. Ten tug-of-war teams have entered and four will compete in the evening.

At 9 p. m. two football teams will struggle for half an hour and will give way to lacrosse for an equal time.

W. B. Curtis was announced as referee of athletics, Erasmus W. Moore and Walter Camp, a great Yale football man, for football.

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CAUGHT IN TUNIS.

Arrest of a Man Believed to Be the Whitechapel Fiend.

He Was One of a Gang of Assassins and Robbers.

Until Recently He Has Lived in London's Dreadful District.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

TUNIS, Jan. 15.—The police here have captured a gang of robbers and assassins. Among the members of the gang is a man who is believed to have perpetrated the recent revolting murders of a number of women in the Whitechapel district of London.

The British Consul has forwarded to his Government all the details connected with the arrests.

The supposed Whitechapel murderer is charged with having committed in Tunis a murder similar to those committed in Whitechapel.

The man has confessed that he recently lived in Whitechapel.

ONCE MORE FOR HIS LIFE.

The Second Trial of John Greenwall Begins in Brooklyn.

The second day of the long delayed trial of John Greenwall for the murder of Lyman S. Weeks was commenced about 10:30 o'clock this morning in the Kings County Court of Sessions.

Long before the court-room doors were opened people crowded the long corridor, eager to obtain admission.

District Attorney James W. Ridgway opened the case by reading the sworn deposition of Dr. Joseph Creamer, who made the post-mortem examination of the murdered man's body.

Mrs. Evadne Weeks, the widow of the deceased, was then called and testified that she had lived at 1071 De Kalb avenue.

On the 18th of March her mother was visiting her.

This was the night on which the murder was committed.

About 11:30 o'clock they all—that is, her mother, husband and herself—went upstairs to their bedrooms. They were about to retire when she heard a noise in the basement as though some one was putting coal upon the fire. She went to see if her mother was in her room, when she again heard the noise.

She detected an odor of sulphur, as though some one was burning matches. She called her husband's attention to it and he finally went downstairs.

She remained at the head of the staircase, and as she stood there she heard voices coming from the basement and finally a fall.

She then rushed to the front window in time to see a man of short stature walk out of the basement door and go rapidly down the street towards Stuyvesant avenue.

Greenwall was here requested to stand up and turn his back towards the witness.

Lyman Weeks, the man who saw run out of her arway on the night of the murder resembled the prisoner in build.

He did, very much," was Mrs. Weeks's reply.

Lyman Kinsey in his cross-examination could not in any way shake the testimony of the witness.

During all the examination Mrs. Weeks remained very calm, but frequently applied her smelling salts to her nostrils.

She was attired in deep mourning, and showed clearly that time had not effaced the memory of the night when her husband's life was taken.

The next witness was Mrs. Mary E. Ellingham, the mother of Mrs. Weeks. Said she: "I reside at present with my daughter, the witness, on Throop avenue. I was a visitor at the house, 1071 De Kalb avenue, on the night of Mr. Weeks' death. My attention was called to a noise in the basement by my daughter."

Here Mrs. Ellingham went on to corroborate all the evidence given by Mrs. Weeks.

The air of confidence which was characteristic of Greenwall in the previous trial is prominently noticeable in the present one. He is a very interested listener to every word uttered and feels assured that he will not be convicted.

As he sat in Court this morning, neatly attired in a well-fitting suit, his face cleanly shaven and his hair nicely combed, he was a centre for the gaze of many inquisitive eyes.

SCHEDULED HIS FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Pedro Pedrazzo, the Freeco Painter, Arranged All His Affairs Before Hanging Himself.

Pedro Benzanoli Pedrazzo, the well-known Italian fresco painter, committed suicide at his home, 226 East Thirty-fifth street, to-day, by hanging himself.

He was seventy-seven years of age and had been made despondent by illness.

The dead man leaves over \$12,000 deposited in savings banks in this city. He left a will appointing as his executor William H. Dally, of 454 Fourth avenue, who is to pay the money to the testator's sisters in Italy.

He also left directions for his funeral, with a schedule of expenses as follows:

For ice coffin..... \$12.00

For casket, with plate..... 50.00

For opening grave..... 25.00

For one of the best hearse..... 20.00

For three nice carriages..... 24.00

Total..... \$131.00

All the property in his apartments Pedrazzo left to Mary Granger, who has taken care of his rooms for sixteen years.

SMOTHERED

Three Girls Lose Their Lives in a Burning Factory.

Lives in a Burning Factory.

Twenty-two Human Beings in an East Side Death Trap.

Panic-Stricken Young Women Pulled Through Windows.

The Unfortunates Blinded by the Suffocating Smoke.

A Useless Fire-Escape that None of the Employees Knew Of.

The Fire Was at First Reported to Be the Work of an Incendiary.

A shocking loss of life occurred at a fire which took place at 717 East Fifth street this morning.

Three young girls, who were employed in a cigar-box factory on the top floor, were suffocated, and four others narrowly escaped the same horrible death. There were also fifteen workmen at work at the time.

The list of dead and injured was as follows:

DEAD.

LENA STRAUS, aged twenty, 516 Fifth street.

JOSIE FARRENKOPF, age eighteen, 98 Willett street.

BARBARA OPEL, age nineteen, 170 Ludlow street.

INJURED.

LENA SMITH, of Eighth street, badly cut about the hands with glass and suffering from contusions. Taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

The other three girls who were rescued from the windows by the firemen were Maggie May, Maggie Armstrong and Katie Farrenkopf, who was the first one taken out of the building.

The building where the fire took place was a three-story structure and a death-trap apparently.

On the top floor was the factory of the New York Patent Cigar Box Manufacturing Company, where seven girls and fifteen men were at work.

The fire broke out shortly before 11 o'clock on the ground floor, which is occupied by Henry Haas as a blacksmith shop.

It was discovered by Charles Althus, son of the proprietor of the factory, who gave the alarm to Hook and Ladder Company No. 11, which is just across the way.

CUT OFF BY THE FLAMES.

After the discovery of the fire the flames spread with astonishing rapidity to the upper stories, and the employees were cut off from the avenue of escape by the stairway almost from the first.

The hook and ladder company had its apparatus out in a jiffy, and Capt. Sullivan himself was the first to rescue one of the girls from the burning building. She was Katie Farrenkopf.

The men who were working in the front part of the building were the first to get out, and they all escaped without injury.

The shrieks of the unfortunate girls who were within, apparently unable to find their way to any opening, were pitiful to hear.

BLINDED BY THE SUFFOCATING SMOKE.

The dense smoke which was pouring out the stairway had blinded them, and only two others besides the Farrenkopf girl, Maggie May and Maggie Armstrong, were able to reach the front windows.

CARRIED FAINTELY DOWN THE LADDERS.

They were taken down the ladders by the firemen, half dead with fright, and cared for by willing hands.

It was learned from them that they had four companions in the workshop, and at first it was supposed that they had all perished, for within five minutes after the fire broke out the heartrending cries had ceased and everything within was still.

It was not long after that Lena Smith was found unconscious at the foot of the stairs.

Soon after the arrival of the Fire Department the flames were subdued, for the fire itself was a comparatively insignificant affair.

As soon as the firemen could get into the building they found the bodies of the three dead girls on the third floor. The sight was a shocking one.

DIED WHERE THEY HAD FALLEN.

They had been suffocated, and died without a chance of escape being given to them.

When found they were lying in various positions, where they had fallen when overcome by the smoke.

One of the girls had but one shoe on. Another's waist was open at the neck, showing that she had not had time to button it when death came.

The girls were not burned at all, but there

was a look of agony on each face that was terrible to contemplate.

Tenderly the firemen carried them out through the rear windows and down the ladders to where an express wagon stood in an alleyway.

TAKEN AWAY IN AN EXPRESS WAGON.

Into this they were lifted and wrapped in old bags and rugs or anything else handy to conceal them from the gaping crowd around.

Then the wagon started off, followed by a crowd of excited men and women.

At the station-house a great crowd were assembled.

A number of people who had relatives or friends employed in the burned building were awaiting there a chance to view the bodies.

AT THE STATION-HOUSE.

As each corpse was carried into the station on a stretcher these people would bend over and look at the features. A long breath, then a sigh of relief.

It was none of their loved ones. At last the last body was identified.

A FATHER'S GRIEF.

A pale-faced man turned deathly white and moaned.

"Oh God it is my daughter Josie!"

This was Mr. Farrenkopf, of 89 Willett street.

There were no balusters. On this account the girls were afraid of making that means of escape.

NO WATER, NO FIRE-ESCAPE, NO KEYLIGHT.

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A FIRE THREE WEEKS AGO.

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ALDERMANIC STANDING COMMITTEES.

Appointments Made To-Day by President Arnold.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen this afternoon President Arnold appointed the following on the principal standing committees: Bridges and Tunnels—Aldermen Gunther, Noonan, Gilligan, R. J. Barry and Cowie. County Affairs—D. Barry, Sullivan, Dowd, Kinney, and Rapp. Dock—Walker, Rinkhoff, Butler, Tait, Goetz, Ferries and Franchises—R. J. Barry, Dwyer, Gunther, Shea, Gregory, Lamps and Gas—Noonan, Gilligan, Rinkhoff, Clancy, Hammond, Markets—Cowie, Walker, Butler, Flynn, Tait. Public Works—Dwyer, Flynn, Shea, D. Barry, R. J. Barry, Hammond, Cowie, Rinkhoff, Rinkhoff, Fitzsimons, Storm, Gunther, David Barry, Gregory, Morris, Street Cleaning—Gilligan, Fitzsimons, Butler, Oakley, Gregory.

ASHTON WANTS MORE MONEY.

Would Not Meet Wannop for \$500—Wannop Meets to Fight Jim Smith.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—The Athenian Club offered a \$500-purse for a ten-round glove contest between Jack Ashton and Jack Wannop, the English pugilist, now in this city.

Wannop accepted, but Ashton wanted a \$1,000 purse, \$500 to winner, \$250 to loser.

A friend of Wannop's in England is prepared to back him against Jim Smith for the championship of England on his return.

Wannop will remain in this city till after the Lannon-Godfrey exhibition and try to get on a match with the winner.

AGNES ROBERTSON GIVEN A DIVORCE.

Dion Boucault's First Wife Wins Her Long Battle at Law.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Dion Boucault, nee Agnes Robertson, has been granted a divorce by the Court.

The marital infidelities of Dion Boucault have been kept before the public for several years. A number of children were born to Agnes Robertson and Dion Boucault, but since the actor's marriage to Miss Thornycroft three years ago they have held aloof from their father. Miss Robertson has many sympathizers in this country and abroad.

MAY BUILD A CABLE ROAD.

The Court of Appeals Decides in Favor of the Third Avenue Railway Company.

The Court of Appeals at Albany to-day rendered a decision reversing the judgment of the New York General Term and affirming the decision of Judge Patterson in Special Term, giving the Third Avenue Railway Company the right to construct a cable line from the City Hall to Harlem bridge.

The Company will begin the building of the new road as soon as possible.

FORTY-TWO PERSONS DROWNED.

Sinking of the Indian Steamer Pyahpkeh off Singapore.

(BY CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Indian steamer Pyahpkeh was run into by another vessel off Singapore yesterday and sunk. Of the passengers and crew forty-two were drowned. The survivors were brought to Singapore.

Honorable Mention for a Life-Saver.

The Police Commissioners bestowed an Honorable Mention, this afternoon, upon Patrolman John Meagher, of the Steamboat Squad.

Meagher saved the life of John Kenny, who jumped into the North River Jan. 4. He nearly lost his own life in saving Kenny's and has been cited with pneumonia ever since.

The Commissioners also dismissed Patrolman John Winchell, of the Twentieth Precinct, for intoxication.

A Host of Mourners for Capt. Tol.

The funeral of John T. Tol, Chief Clerk of the Coroner's office, took place this morning from St. Teresa's Church, which was crowded with well-known Grand Army men and politicians, members of the Irish Brigade Association, the Catholic Benevolent Legion, Empire City Lodge, No. 292, A. O. U. W., and the Tammany Association of the Fourth Assembly District.

The Coroner's office was also fully represented.

Where Is Katie's Home?

Officer Austin, of the Thirtieth Precinct, found thirteen-year-old Katie McDonald wandering around at One Hundred and Sixteenth street and Eighth avenue at 10 o'clock last night and arrested her on a charge of vagrancy. Katie says she has no home. Mr. Gerry's agents are investigating her case.

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THE FOREMAN FIRST.

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